

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No. 09/899,212

5. (amended) A coating film containing the strain of microorganism according to Claim 11.

Please add new claim 11 as follows:

11. (new) A strain of microorganism belonging to the genus *Alteromonas* growing in seawater, not growing in 1% NaCl, and having the ability to produce a biojelly insoluble in seawater.